

HOUSE BILL 980

By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
Chapter 8, relative to utility systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-8-115, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 58-8-115.

(a) Notwithstanding § 58-8-111(b), a governmental utility system that is a responding party is eligible for reimbursement and entitled to one hundred percent (100%) reimbursement of eligible costs after the state of emergency is declared.

(b) For purposes of a governmental utility system that is a responding party, “then-prevailing wages, including benefits and overtime” in § 58-8-111(c) means the present wage structure, including benefits and overtime, of the governmental utility system that is a responding party.

(c) For purposes of this section, “governmental utility system” means a governmental entity that provides electric, gas, sewer, water, wastewater, telephone, cable or other like service, or any combination of these services, and is limited to these operations of the governmental entity and does not extend to other operations of function of the governmental entity.

(d) The Tennessee emergency management agency is authorized to coordinate the response of governmental utility systems under this part during any declare state of emergency upon request of all responding utilities.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.